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TO AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO

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SUBJECT: TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION - RESPONSE TO CONICYT
LETTER

REF: SANTIAGO 8618, SANTIAGO 4555

1. THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE IS PROVIDED PER REFTTEL FOR
INCLUSION IN THE EMBASSY'S REPLY TO CONICYT PRESIDENT
PINOCHET'S LETTER OF AUGUST 12.

2. WE APPRECIATE THIS EXPRESSION OF INTEREST BY THE
CHILEAN AUTHORITIES IN THE IMPORTANT ROLE THAT TECHNOLOGY
CAN PLAY IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS IN CHILE, IN THE
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HEMISPHERE, AND INTERNATIONALLY. AS GENERAL PINOCHET'S

LETTER NOTES, CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THIS SUBJECT RECENTLY, IN PARTICULAR AT UNCTAD-IV, IN CIEC AND, ON A HEMISPHERIC BASIS, AT THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN SANTIAGO.

3. AS THE GENERAL POINTS OUT, THE UNITED STATES, IN AN EFFORT TO SUPPORT AND PROMOTE THE ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS, PROPOSED A NUMBER OF INITIATIVES AT UNCTAD-IV AND IN SANTIAGO. SOME OF THESE PROPOSALS ARE

UNILATERAL, AND DISCUSSIONS WITHIN THE USG ON THEIR IMPLEMENTATION ARE CURRENTLY UNDERWAY. OTHERS INVOLVE BROADER UNDERTAKINGS, AND EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS, REGIONAL AND/OR MULTILATERAL, WILL BE REQUIRED IN THEIR IMPLEMENTATION.

4. WITH RESPECT TO THE PARTICULAR ITEMS RAISED IN CONICYT'S LETTER WE WOULD MAKE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS KEYED TO REFTEL.

5. EXPORT PROMOTION PROGRAMS: THE US DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE WILL CONSIDER REQUESTS FROM THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT FOR TECHNICAL ADVICE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF EXPORT PROMOTION PROGRAMS. GOC HAS INFORMALLY MADE A NUMBER OF SUGGESTIONS TO THE EMBASSY AND DOC IN THIS REGARD. DISCUSSIONS WILL CONTINUE AFTER THE GOC PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN STUDIED IN WASHINGTON.

6. SPACE AND MARINE TECHNOLOGY: (A) THE EXPERIMENTAL ATS SATELLITE DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM (AIDSAT) IS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY. CHILE IS NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM, AS PER REFTEL SANTIAGO 4555. HOWEVER, SIGNIFICANTLY EXPANDED TRAINING PROGRAMS IN COMMUNICATIONS SOFTWARE AND REMOTE SENSING ARE BEING PLANNED BY AID AS FOLLOW-ON TO THE AIDSAT PROGRAM AND CHILE MAY WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE PROGRAMS. (B) THE WATER TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES ARE BEING EXAMINED BY A US INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE. THE US WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE UN WATER CONFERENCE IN MARCH 1977. DETAILED PLANS WILL NOT BE MADE UNTIL AFTER THAT MEETING.

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7. OTHER UNCTAD-IV INITIATIVES: IMPLEMENTATION OF A NUMBER OF US PROPOSALS, SUCH AS THE "TECHNOLOGY CORPS," THE INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIALIZATION INSTITUTE, AND THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY INSTITUTE IS CURRENTLY UNDER ACTIVE REVIEW WITHIN THE USG. THE USG IS SUPPORTING THE DESIGN OF THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR THE EXCHANGE OF TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION BY THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL.

8. OASGA INITIATIVES: IN ADDITION TO THE PROPOSALS MADE IN UNCTAD-IV, THE USG OFFERED A NUMBER OF INITIATIVES AT THE RECENT OASGA IN THE AREA OF TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION. THESE CAN BE CONSIDERED AS EXAMPLES OF HOW THE MORE GENERAL UNCTAD-IV INITIATIVES ARE INTENDED TO APPLY TO LATIN AMERICA. THEY INCLUDE: 1) THE TECHNOLOGY EXCHANGE SERVICE FOR LATIN AMERICA (TESLA); 2) COOPERATIVE VENTURES BETWEEN MEDIUM-SIZED US AND LATIN AMERICAN BUSINESS; AND 3) EXPANSION OF LATIN AMERICAN ACCESS TO THE

NTIS AND OTHER USG INFORMATION FACILITIES. THESE PROPOSALS ARE CURRENTLY UNDER ACTIVE USG CONSIDERATION WITH RESPECT TO DESIGN AND EARLY IMPLEMENTATION. WE EXPECT THE INTER-AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY CENTER, AS A REGIONAL PROGRAM, WILL BE DISCUSSED BY THE TECHNICAL EXPERTS WORKING GROUP (TEWG) OF THE OAS.

9. THE TEWG HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH "STUDYING A PROGRAM OF COOPERATION IN THE HEMISPHERE IN THE CREATION, ADAPTATION, AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY" AS STATED IN RESOLUTION 233 OF THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THE RESOLUTION IS A VERY GENERAL STATEMENT. THE INITIATIVES PUT FORWARD BY THE USG ARE FULLY IN KEEPING WITH THE CONSENSUS OF THE OASGA ON S&T TRANSFER AND ARE DESIGNED TO GIVE PRACTICAL SHAPE TO THE US COMMITMENT. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH CHILE, AND CONICYT, IN THESE UPCOMING DISCUSSIONS. WE HOPE THAT THE VARIOUS INITIATIVES IN THIS AREA, BOTH BILATERAL INVOLVING US RESOURCES, AND MULTILATERAL INVOLVING OAS AND INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENT, CAN BE IMPLEMENTED AS RAPIDLY AND EFFECTIVELY AS POSSIBLE. ROBINSON

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